

## **CHAPTER I**

### **INTRODUCTION**

#### **A. Background**

As being who has the highest culture and the modern way of live, people actually cannot live without their language. Everyday in any fields and activities, constantly men everlasting need their language. They need it to communicate in the purpose of conveying all of what has kept in their mind such as kinds of feeling, intention, ideas, message and so forth, and to have social interaction with other in the different level circumstance of society, So there will an understanding among others.

In vary men's fields and activities language is a vital instrument. Because Like a wise several parts of men's body, language plays and holds many important role to help the men's entire effort in running their circle of live. To which any other kind human's instrument, even with the greatest human's kinds of technologies at once, cannot replace the acts. It can be imagined how if the men's life should run without the language. Certainty, there will no communication among men took a place, and it is hard for men to reach an understanding among others, and it is impossible for men to run their entire life.

As English language, it may also be able to be deliberated become the most vital instrument. Yet in vary men's life English language does not only mediate the men's communication in a certain area, but also covers the men's communication in all around the world. It is not just a language; more

than it was, English was an instrument, which the function is like a bridge. It is a bridge for the whole people in all around the world to have communication and social interaction beneath the use of standard language.

Talking about the role of language, we often connected so to the term function. Principally, language has two function, they are: general function and particular function. In general, the function language is for human's communication instrument, and for human's instrument to do social adaptation and integration. Furthermore, in particular, the function language is for human's medium to hold daily intercourse, to concrete the art (literary art), to learn ancient script, and to explore any kinds knowledge and technologies. In simple word, it can be added that with the language, man could easily adapt his self to other form of cultures, and rules had by certain level of society and all at once he would easily associate his self with other kinds of social characters ([www.wikipedia/indonesia.com](http://www.wikipedia/indonesia.com)).

On its existence, Human's language actually is a system that uses pattern of sounds. These sounds can be converted in to written forms as symbols or in linguistics known as lexemes. These symbols can be mapped into any concepts by which the manipulation of these symbols is governed. These symbols can be used productively to convey new information, tough, intention, meaning, ideas etc. based on the rule or grammar of certain language, and can be used to distinguish language from other form of communication. This makes the language as the most flexible men's instrument. It means that language gives the men possibilities to exchange information both spoken and

written. Whereas, such as gestures and intonation, they are just parts of delivery, but are not conveyed in to written form. Language is an arbitrary vocal symbol used for human communication (Wardhaugh, 1977: 3).

Communication as human activity of using their language is a men's effort to transfer their idea, information or knowledge from one to other parties. Through communication a man can exchange all of what has kept in the mind with other, so there can be reached an understanding among others. Here, a communication will be more effectively when there are similarities knowledge about the language use either of the speaker and the hearer, or the writer and the reader. However, this need to remember that language in vary use is everlasting influenced by context, which includes the speaker's habit, background of culture and social level and so forth. It is obvious that a man with the different context may uses different language and ways of uttering their ideas, messages etc. this includes the utterance styles that are used. Although, in this case they are in gather depart from the same ideas and meanings.

As language in the music use, for instance, it will have differentiations to the language in common use. In this case, a musician, he will use kinds of utterance that different to the utterance used by a man in common.

Music is one of the most human creativities. Discussing music, among of us will be more familiar with a term being called song. As in the circumstance of it uses, however, when we say or hear the word *music*, we will also remember to the word *song*.

Terminologically, Music and song are two terms in deferent sense. But compositionally they are a unity that fulfills and influences one to another. Music in one side serves a beautifulness and strength image to the song when it sung. Further more, song, completely fulfill the instrumentals composition one as they are played in gather.

Music is a sound in time. It is the art of arranging sound in time so as to produce a continuous, unified, and evocative composition, as through melody, harmony, rhythm and timbre ([www.encyclopedia.com/dictionary](http://www.encyclopedia.com/dictionary)). Whereas, song is relatively short musical composition for human's voice. This commonly accompanied by other musical composition and features of words called lyrics. In other use, the term song may also refer to other kind musical composition, to which the compositions are played without vocals or called as instrumental or orchestra ([www.wikipedia/encyclopedia.com](http://www.wikipedia/encyclopedia.com)).

Thus, from the above definitions, it can be described that song is composition, which consists of music and word (language usage). It can be played together as it sung by a singer accompanied by musical instrument playing, or played instrumentally as it is called orchestra.

During the running men's cultural development, song may be able to be decided to be the greatest and unique of human's creativity, because song compositionally is not like any other men's creativity. It, song, is a human's creativity that tries to combine either human's ability in composing the musical composition and in using the language. So this will produce a dynamic and harmonic composition when they played.

If being closely related with the language use, song on its existence can be argued as another form of human's creativity in communicating all of what has kept in their mind. Yet basically, song is composed based on music and the language use. Song, like a conversation between two people, brings any messages and ideas of musicians to be communicated with the audience. Then the audiences could infer the meaning of song by listening it, as it played or sung by a singer or group of music, or by reading the whole part of the words as it is printed called lyric.

In a song, Lyrics are composition that features words. They, song lyrics, are a part of song composition that loads the musician's idea meaning, intention, messages, kinds of feeling; experience etc. to be communicated to the audience. To which the composition of words are usually arranged nearly same with the poetry, because like a poem song lyrics also consist of several stanzas which arranged by including two or more statement or sentence, written and composed horizontally from the top to down, and closely related one to another. Besides, as a poem, song lyrics also have several aspects, which are: rhythm diction, intonation and theme. Thus it can be concluded that song lyric actually is writing that loads the musician's idea meaning, intention, messages, kinds of feeling; experience etc. to be communicated to the audience. Lyric is verse or poem that can be sung to musical accompaniment (in ancient Greece; *lyre*) or that express intense personal emotion in a manner suggestive of a song ([www.wiktionary.com](http://www.wiktionary.com)).

Listening song is pleasant. Song is a human creativity that not only serves the audience musical composition beautifulness, but also the beautifulness human's imagination, experiences expression. It is not denied able that song from the time to time everlasting preferred by many people in all level of society, from the child to adult, especially English songs which are written by western musicians. Even, up today most of their works becomes a legend that still reminded by the lovers. This is caused that English song more able to give the audience an emotional intensity through its musical composition that is composed beautifully and attractively when it's played, and more able to give the audience an imaginative pleasure through its language that often written poetic and romantic, beside the beautifulness of the singer's vocal.

Generally, languages of song are typically different to the language use in daily speech. Languages of song are language that tends to the language of poetic and more focused on the art of expressing an idea, message, and intention than the actually use of language ([www.wikipedia/encyclopedia.com](http://www.wikipedia/encyclopedia.com)). A word may be treated and brought to create expressions which the meaning more than what actually communicated by the self of words, because much of the words song is written stylistically by using of certain expression style. That is why; most of the messages in song are in explicit and implicit.

Talking about expression styles used by musician in song lyrics, Figurative language or figure of speech is exact term to name any musician's kinds language style.

Figurative language or figure of speech is a phenomenon of men communicating all of what has kept in their mind, which commonly occurs in the daily of men's communication either written or spoken. This, figurative language, is an expression which the language depart from the straightforward literal language or a denotation of a word. In which the language express something or idea trough the use of a thing that is associated to another thing that has different in kinds. One general form of these which usually appear is comparison, by which something is expressed by making comparison between two different kinds of object, as if the objects are similar but actually different in kinds and substance. Perrine said that figure of speech is a way of saying something and meaning other (Perrine 1977: 61).

Thus in simple word, it can be described that figure of speech or figurative language is language that consists of **A** (meaning or idea) that is expressed trough the use of **B** and **C** (things: abstract and concrete), as they are closely related one to another implicitly or explicitly such as by making a simple comparison or by making an overstatement. As the example taken from the song lyrics bellow:

*When the truth is like a stranger*

Hits you right between the eyes

The italic words in that cut of song lyrics above are written by musician using figurative language. In which the type is a simile expression. There are two concepts or things compared "*truth* and *stranger*. When the musician compares between the *truths* and *stranger*, he actually express his

idea which sometimes truth can come suddenly like someone who we never knew before to open our mind consciousness about something.

Such above statement often appears in the case of men's language use, especially in literary works. As literariness with their poetries, novels, drama and others kinds of literary works for instance, they may use more than one types of figurative language. It is not except to the musicians with their song. However this needs to remember that song actually composed based on the use of language. In a song, musicians may also use more than one types of figurative language too.

The use of figurative language by musicians may be able to be considered as the self-way used by musicians in creating the sharp emphasis, freshness, or clarity about their writing all of what has kept in their mind. Besides, in song lyrics figure of speech or figurative language usage can also ascribed as the self-musician's way in making their statement becomes more sensuous and rich of meaning. However, in different between the novelist and musician they will have different level of the language use.

Though language is just a matter of degree, but defining the types of figurative language used in song lyric and their meaning is not an easy thing, especially in English song lyrics, which are composed by western musicians. In this case, most of people may face miss interpretation problems, because among of the types of figurative, they have their characteristics that differentiates them one to another. Besides, language of figure of speech is language that consists of using more than one meaning; certainly it will be not



enough just perceived the meaning by using word for word meaning. In this case, much of peoples may face problem of miss interpretation.

This research actually is the writer's interest about the world of song, mainly in the matter of the figurative language usage. Here the writer felt so challenged to have intents study about the use of figurative language. Especially in song lyrics, English song lyrics, which are composed by western musicians. As an effort the writer tries to conduct a research beneath the title of: **A DISCIPTIVE STUDY ON THE USE OF FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE IN ENGLISH SONG LYRICS BY WESTERN MUSICIANS.**

## **B. Previous Study**

In this research, the previous study related to this research is “An Analysis on Figurative Language Used in William Wordsworth's Poems”, by Listyowati (2000). In this research the writer analyzed the lyrics song by specializing western song lyrics using the dominant figurative language and the meaning. The similarity of this analysis is the figurative language while the difference is the object being analyzed. However, this is the reason of my intention to study this research in order to understand clearly.

## **C. Problem Statement**

Related to the background of the study, the problem which is proposed by the writer, are:

1. What are the types of figurative language used in English song lyrics by western musicians?
2. What are the meanings of figurative language used in song lyrics by western musicians?

#### **D. Objective of the Study**

In this research, the writer proposes two major objectives to be described as follows:

1. To identify the figurative language used in song lyrics by western musicians.
2. To clarify the meaning of figurative language in song lyrics by western musician.

#### **E. Limitation of the Study**

In this research, the writer limits the study on the western lyric song. In this matter the writer takes some types song lyrics, either modern song, old song, romantic song, or rock and ballad songs which may contain more than one type of figurative language in its every song lyrics.

#### **F. Benefit of the Study**

This research has two major benefits, which are: theoretically and practically. For the theoretically benefit, the writer hopes that the result of the research can be additional reference in improving the ability of analyzing

about the figurative language use, especially in English song lyrics use that are composed by western musicians.

For practically benefit, it means that the writer is able to describe and able to explain the use of figurative language used in song lyrics especially in English song written by western musicians, either those types or the meaning. In addition the writer hopes that these researches will useful and add the knowledge of other student about the use of figurative language.

#### **G. Research Paper Organization**

This research consists of five chapters and each chapter divided into several subsequent divisions. The first chapter consists of introduction that covers background of the study, review related to the study, research problems, object of the study, benefits of the study and research paper organization. The second chapter is underlying theory in which the theories cover the notion of figurative language, types of figurative language, meaning, types of meaning, context, language construction; word, phrase, clause, and sentence. The third chapter is research method. In this chapter the writer discuss about type of the research, object of the study, type of the data, data and the data source, technique of the data collection and technique of the data analysis. The fourth chapter consists of analyzing data, describing the data and discussion. And the last chapter is chapter five, in which the chapter consists of conclusion and suggestion.